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MOTHER POPCORN, PT. 1

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Words and Music by JAMES BROWN
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Moderately, in 2
D7(+9)

Yeah, yeah, yeah, —

mf

This system contains the first three measures of the song. The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a dotted half note B4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) begins with a piano introduction in the left hand (bass clef) consisting of eighth notes G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, followed by a series of chords in the right hand (treble clef) and left hand. The piano introduction is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte).

Yeah, yeah, yeah, —

This system contains measures 4 through 6. The vocal line continues with a whole rest, a half note G4, a half note A4, and a dotted half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes in the left hand.

Pop - corn! Some like 'em fat,

This system contains measures 7 through 9. The vocal line starts with a whole note G4, followed by a whole rest, then a half note G4, a half note A4, and a dotted half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes in the left hand. A repeat sign is present at the end of the system.

D7(+9)

Some like 'em tall! Some like 'em

short, skin-ny legs and all!

I like 'em all, I like 'em

proud! And when they walk you

D7(+9)

know they draw a crowd! See, you

*D. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ for additional words.
Last time D. C. and fade.*

got to have a Mother for me. —

2. There was a time when I was all alone.
I had a secret, thought I was gone.
Somebody dug me! Said, "Now I see what you are doin',
Brother, to stay ahead of me!"
And when I get burnt, I use some salve;
And when I want some lovin', them Mothers you got to have;
See, you got to have a Mother for me. *(to Interlude)*
3. Do the Popcorn and do the Hoss.
Show everybody where you're at; You got to be the boss.
The way you do your little thing,
Step in a small ring and jump back, Baby.
James Brown's gonna do his thing,
Popcorn! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

Interlude C^7 F9 6 times
then D. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3rd verse